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STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING SAME

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed 24 November 2003,
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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